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THE BENNOCH HOUSE

Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia

Owner: H. J. Rinker.

Date of Erection: Probably the first decade after 1800.

Architect Builder: The assumption that the man who built this is the same as the one who built the Ware-Sibley House seems plausible.

Present Condition: Used as a lodging house and not well maintained.

Number of Stories: Three and attic.

Materials of Construction: High basement and first story of brick; above this frame. Iron balcony.

Additional Data: The following information supplied by Jacob H. Lowrey of Augusta 1936: "The House is said to have been erected by Peter Bennoch, a wealthy merchant bachelor of Scotch birth who was dropped from the membership of the First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Georgia, after refusing to comply with the session's request of that body to cease operating his boat on the Savannah River on Sundays. His sister married an Alexander of the well known Augusta family of that name. The house and grounds adjoined the place long known as "Bennoch's Corner." The house was possibly designed as a single structure by an excellent architect, then changed by local builders into a two-family house after the floors, outer walls, and some inner walls were built and before the interior was completed. Inside along the north

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Additional Data Cont'd:

and south walls are two staircases from basement to attic with shaped hand rail and delicate rectangular balusters of mahogany as in the Nicholas Ware House. Newel posts are delicately turned, the designs of the two staircases not being the same. Landings are carried across outside windows in an awkward manner and some small rooms were put in to fill up spaces. Doors are needlessly placed in some of the rooms, the most exaggerated case of this being on the south side where two doors, original and with original trim about three feet apart, open into a very small room.

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